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Docket No. 2176 (203-2293)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : LANDS ET AL.
TITLE : VESSEL SEALING WAVE JAW
SERIAL NO. : 09/419,592
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EXAMINER : ANTHONY S. KING

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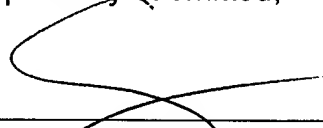
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement of January 16, 2001, Applicants elect without prejudice the species of figures 1-9, and 14 which are directed to claims 1-4, 7-15 and 18-21 for prosecution on the merits. Upon allowance of one or more generic claims, Applicants hereby reserve the right to add claims to additional species under 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the above election of species and/or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the phone number listed below at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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